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SUBJECT: UN PERSONNEL - UNIDO -EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR POST

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1. AS INSTRUCTED IN REFTEL A, MISOFF DISCUSSED POSSIBLE CANDIDACY OF YRIART WITH USYG DAVIDSON ON SEPTEMBER 27. MISOFF SAID THAT IN RESPONSE TO REQUEST MADE TO US EARLIER BY DAVIDSON FOR OUR COMMENTS RE YRIART, WE COULD STATE WID CONFIDENCE THAT HE WAS A SUITABLE CANDIDATE TO REPLACE ABDEL-RAHMAN. MISOFF EMPHASIZED, HOWEVER, THAT USG COULD NOT GET OUT IN FRONT IN SUPPORTING POSSIBLE CANDIDACY OF YRIART. ACCORDINGLY HE STRESSED THAT EXPRESSION OF OUR SUPPORT MUST REMAIN CONFIDENTIAL BETWEEN USG AND USYG DAVIDSON.

2. DAVIDSON SAID HE FELT THAT IT WOULD BE VERY DIFFICULT TO TURN LATIN AMERICAN GROUP AROUND ON QUESTION OF ABDEL-RAHMAN'S REPLACEMENT SINCE THEY HAD EXPRESSED OPENLY THEIR SUPPORT OF FERNANDINI. MATTER FURTHER COMPLICATED BY FORTHCOMING MEETING NEXT SPRING IN LIMA: I.E., ANY REVERSAL ON

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FERNANDINI, WHO IS PERUVIAN, COULD PROVE EMBARRASSING

TO GOP. NEVERTHELESS, DAVIDSON WAS APPRECIATIVE OF
OUR COMMENTS AND SAID THAT HE WOULD CONVEY THEM TO
SYG. HE ADDED THAT OUR VIEWS REFLECTED IMPRESSIONS
SO FAR COLLECTED WITHIN THE SECRETARIAT ON COMPETENCE
OF YRIART.

3 DAVIDSON ASSURED US THAT, AS FAR HE KNEW, THERE
WAS NO TRUTH IN RUMOR THAT SYG HAD OFFERED ABDEL-
RAHMAN EXTENSION OF CONTRACT AS REPORTED REFTEL B.
HOWEVER, DAVIDSON DID NOT TOTALLY DISMISS
POSSIBILITY SINCE HE ADMITTED THAT FROM EX-
PERIENCE HE WAS NOT ALWAYS KEPT FULLY INFORMED OF
MACHINATIONS ON 38TH FLOOR. BASED ON INFO WE
PROVIDED, DAVIDSON SAID HE WOULD TAKE NEW SOUND-
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